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In re Application of :
Eaton et al. :
Application No. 10/035,958 : DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION
Filed: Dec. 26, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. GNE.303OR1C7 :

This decision is in response to applicant's application titled "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.705" timely¹ filed on April 12, 2007 requesting that the Patent Office adjust the amount of days granted at the time of the notice of allowance from 634 to 759 days.

Applicant's application for PTA is **GRANTED-in PART**. The Office will adjust the PAIR calculation to reflect that the correct determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is seven hundred and fifty-five (755) days.

Applicants note that the Office incorrectly assessed a one hundred and seven day (125) delay by applicant for failing to reply to the Office's mailing of a non-final rejection within three months of the mailing of the Office action. Applicants assert that the Office re-mailed the Office action on January 27, 2006 restarting the time period. Accordingly, the applicants assert did not fail to engage in any reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application because they responded within three months of the re-mailed action.

Applicant arguments are persuasive to the extent herein indicated.. The Office mailed an Office action on September 27, 2005 but re-mailed the Office action on January 27, 2006 which gave applicant three months to respond without loss of PTA. Applicant responded on May 1, 2006. Accordingly, applicant fail to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the

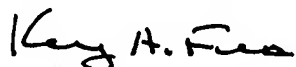
¹Issue fee paid on 4/12/2007.

application by a period of four days, not 125 days.² The one hundred and twenty-five (125) day reduction to patent term adjustment is an error. Accordingly, at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance, the USPTO delayed by a period of 762 days under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1) and applicants delayed by a period of 7 days ($4 + 2 + 1 = 7$) under 37 CFR 1.704(b). Accordingly, the correct amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 755 days.

The Office acknowledges the payment of the \$200.00 fee for this application. No additional fees are required.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for a prompt issuance of this patent application. Any delays in issuance of the patent will be reflected in the PTA calculation provided with the issue notification letter

Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to Kery Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, at 571-272-7757.



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cc: Copy of Adjusted PAIR calculation

²The reduction began on April 28, 2006 and ended on May 1, 2006, a four day delay.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/035958

Application Filing Date:	12/26/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	762
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	128
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	755
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11	03/19/2002	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
10	02/15/2002	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
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